

SELECT COMMITTEE SUBPOENAS SECRET SERVICE RECORDS

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Bolton, MS—Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS) today announced that the Select Committee has issued a subpoena for records from the United States Secret Service (USSS). In a letter to Secret Service Director James Murray

(</sites/democrats.january6th.house.gov/files/20220715%20J6%20Cmte%20Letter%20to%20USSS.pdf>), Chairman Thompson sought information about Secret Service text messages from January 5 and 6, 2021 that were reportedly erased and reiterated three previous requests from congressional committees for information.

Chairman Thompson wrote, **“The Select Committee has been informed that the USSS erased text messages from January 5 and 6, 2021 as part of a ‘device-replacement program.’ In a statement issued July 14, 2022, the USSS stated that it ‘began to reset its mobile phones to factory settings as part of a pre-planned, three-month system migration. In that process, data resident on some phones was lost.’ However, according to that USSS statement, ‘none of the texts it [DHS Office of Inspector General] was seeking had been lost in the migration.’**

“Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks the relevant text messages, as well as any after action reports that have been issued in any and all divisions of the USSS pertaining or relating in any way to the events of January 6, 2021.”




This week, Department of Homeland Security Inspector General Joseph V. Cuffari offered a briefing to the House Committee on Homeland Security and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs

(</sites/democrats.january6th.house.gov/files/DHS%20OIG%20Letter%20to%20HSGAC%20CHS%20071322.pdf>) about “ongoing access issues” with the Department of Homeland Security, specifically that “many U.S. Secret Service (USSS) text messages, from January 5 and 6, 2021, were erased as part of a device-replacement program.” Today, Inspector General Cuffari briefed the Select Committee on this and other matters.

The letter to Director Murray can be found here

(</sites/democrats.january6th.house.gov/files/20220715%20J6%20Cmte%20Letter%20to%20USSS.pdf>).

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